

House Resolution 852

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Benfield of the 85th, and Oliver of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Ellijay Wildlife Rehab Sanctuary and Craig and Debbie
2 Cylke; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1977, the Ellijay Wildlife Rehab Sanctuary (EWRS) is a
4 nonprofit organization that operates solely upon the donations of generous individuals and
5 businesses; and

6 WHEREAS, the EWRS is a licensed facility that rescues, rehabilitates, and cares for wild
7 animals before releasing them back into their natural habitats; and

8 WHEREAS, under the guidance of founders "Grizzly" Craig and Debbie Cylke, EWRS runs
9 a 40 acre facility which provides medical care to all species of orphaned and injured wildlife
10 indigenous to Georgia and the southeast United States; and

11 WHEREAS, EWRS cares for the smallest mammals and reptiles to the largest carnivores and
12 birds of prey, and over 200 babies are born in and cared for at the facility from spring to fall
13 before being re-introduced to their wild habitats; and

14 WHEREAS, for those animals that would likely not survive on their own in the wild, EWRS
15 provides a safe and comfortable home for the remainder of their lives; and

16 WHEREAS, EWRS also serves as a species conservationist facility by breeding and
17 re-populating species in their care which are on the brink of extinction, such as the Eastern
18 Panther; and

19 WHEREAS, a primary goal of EWRS is to emphasize the importance of healthy populations
20 of all animal species through educational programs like camp outs, hikes, tours,
21 presentations, and special off-site appearances with animals, and to date its dedicated staff
22 have educated over 100,000 children and adults; and

23 WHEREAS, the outstanding animal stewardship, rescue efforts, and education provided by
24 EWRS and the selfless commitment of its staff and founders, Craig and Debbie Cylke, are
25 worthy of recognition.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the Ellijay Wildlife Rehab Sanctuary for providing 14
28 years of animal rescue work and education, and commend its founders, Craig and Debbie
29 Cylke, for the unselfish, compassionate, and benevolent care they provide to animals in need.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Ellijay Wildlife Rehab
32 Sanctuary and Craig and Debbie Cylke.